

Application No. 10/069,299  
Amendment dated March 31, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of January 21, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004.

This Amendment simply cancels claims 7, 9 and 10 without limitation or admission.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 3-6, 14, 16 and 17 are allowed. Hence, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

This Amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action of January 21, 2004, is believed to squarely address each and every ground for objection or rejection raised by the Examiner, and is believed to materially advance the prosecution of this application toward immediate allowance.

Formal allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 14, 16 and 17 is, therefore, courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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